GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take over the control of intoxicating drugs in their hands by subordinating the Drug Controller of India due to warning issued by Interpol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the drugs iike Fortwin and Diazepam and some other drugs effective in surgery cases are missing from the market;

(d)if so, the reasons therefor;

(e)whether the Government has taken any steps to check the biackmarketing of these drugs and to make them available in the market at reasonable rate; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal with the Government.

(c) to (f): In view of the insistence of certain requirements under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rutes by the officials of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) there was temporary dislocation in the supply of Psychotropic Drugs like Diazepam and Fortwin Injection etc. as the Ail India Organization of Chemists and Druggist (AIOCD) had taken a stand not to stock these drugs. However, after the Ministry of Finance issued necessary amendment to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances ` Rules, 1985 (NDPS Rules, 1985) in consultation with Ministry of Heaith & Family Welfare and Narcotic Control Bureau, vide notification GSR 104(E) dated 25.2.2005, there have been no reports about shortage of these drugs.